



WDM ENews

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Welcoming the New City Manager

The Mayor and Council will host a public reception on May 5th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the West Des Moines City Council Chambers to give a warm welcome to incoming City Manager, Tom Hadden. City Manager Hadden will begin his employment with the City on Thursday, May 1st. Hadden comes to the City from the Des Moines Metro Waste Authority where he served as the Executive Director since 1996.

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The Quick Facts on Project Alluvion

The recently announced, Project “Alluvion” or Microsoft Data Center project will begin construction in Spring of 2014. This \$1.13 Billion dollar investment will bring the total Microsoft investment in West Des Moines to almost \$2 Billion Dollars. A press release on the project along with a financial analysis can be found on the [City's website](#). Here are a few quick project facts:

Project Area: 154 Acres Project Description: Regional Four-Phase Data Center Total Employment: 84

Total Project Investment: \$1,126,218,000 Minimum Property Tax Assessment: \$255,000,000

Total Building Construction: 1,165,364 square-feet High Quality Jobs Program Funding: est. rebate of \$20,256,000

High Quality Jobs Program Local Match: Equal to 5 year sliding scale property tax rebate (\$18,000,000). The City will meet its match requirement through incentives and public infrastructure.

Estimated incentive, infrastructure, and financing costs: \$87,000,000

For a financial analysis of the project, the Taxpayers Association of Central Iowa have recently released this [review](#).

Community Highlights

DART May Promotions

Ride for a Reason, West Des Moines

DART Routes 3, 11, 52, 72, 94, 95, and 96 are your connection from West Des Moines to downtown Des Moines, including employment opportunities, retail stores, restaurants, medical facilities, school campuses and libraries. Plan your next DART trip with MyDART Trip Planner BETA at www.ridedart.com. DART schedule data also available on Google Maps and Bing Maps.

Ride DART free when boarding with a bike May 12-16

May is National Bike Month, and DART is celebrating with National Bike to Work Week. Board with a bike May 12-16, 2014, and you'll ride free. Bike racks are available on Local, Express and On Call buses.

No DART service on Memorial Day

DART will not operate bus service on Monday, May 26, 2014, in observation of Memorial Day. Service will resume Tuesday, May 27, 2014. DART's administrative offices will be closed Monday, as well, and reopen on Tuesday.

25% off first three month's RideShare fares

Any first time rider who joins a DART RideShare vanpool now through May 31, 2014, will receive a 25 percent discount on the first three month's fare. DART RideShare helps commuters locate others with like travel patterns to share rides in vanpools.



Several opportunities are available with the City of West Des Moines. Check out the [website](#) for more details and how to apply.



Receive Public Safety Alerts with Code Red

The CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows the dispatcher to telephone all or targeted areas of the City in case of an emergency.

To hear an example or to sign up go to : [Code Red Sign-up](#).

In the works.....

- May 1st former council member Ted Ohmart will be recognized as Citizen of the Year. Congrats!
- [2014 Valley Junction Farmer's Market and Music in the Junction](#) kicks off May 1st.
- Public Reception for incoming City Manager Tom Hadden on May 5th.
- May 5-9th, the [Library](#) will be moving the children's section furniture for an updated look
- [2014 Art on the Campus](#) Exhibit Grand Opening will be held May 22 @ 6 pm at WDM City Hall

What's New in West Des Moines!



2014 Art on the Campus Exhibit

Now Open!

The 2014 Art on the Campus Exhibit at the West Des Moines City/School Campus is now open for viewing. There are 13 sculptures featured by 8 Iowa Artists.

Sculptures will be up until November 2014 with a People's Chose Award ,[vote here](#).

The official unveiling will be held May 22nd at 6 pm at the West Des Moines City Hall.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

Parking Lot Replacement at Fire Station #21

The contractor is nearly 40% complete with the project and moving along. Expect some traffic congestion at the intersection of Valley West Drive/Ashworth Road while the work occurs.

VJ Parking Lot Repair Program

The contractor has completed all patching on Railroad Place prior to Farmer's Market starting. They are working in the parking lot east of Community Center and alley way.

There are several new subdivisions underway this spring:

Tiburon, Etzel Properties Plat 1, Whisper Ridge Plat 2 & 3, Woodland Hills Plat 1, South Maple Grove Plat 14, Maple Grove West Plat 3, Fox Valley Plat 2, Silverwood Plat 4

WDM Public Works



Another Successful APWA Conference

West Des Moines hosted the Spring Conference of American Public Works Association Iowa Chapter's Spring Conference, held as a joint event with ISOSWO (Iowa Solid Waste). Well over 400 participants from across the region attended seminars and visited exhibitor booths to learn and network with others.



National Public Works Week Celebration

May 22nd – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This popular event is held every year just north of the Valley Junction Farmer's Market. Grab the kids and grandma and come to this free family event. Who doesn't want to get behind the wheel of a giant snowplow or grader? Get a balloon animal or have your face painted? It's all free! Maybe you'll even learn a few things you didn't know about the many aspects of Public Works!



Discounted Pool Passes for Low-Income Households

Reduced rate season pool passes are available to income-eligible West Des Moines households. If you know of a West Des Moines family in need, please ask them to stop by the Human Services office to see if they might be eligible for discounted passes to the following pools: Holiday Park Aquatic Center, Valley View Aquatic Center, and Clive Aquatic Center. What a great way for families to spend time together while keeping cool and having fun! Please call 222-3660 to learn more.

Garden Program

April and May showers bring June flowers and vegetable plants! Income-eligible residents of West Des Moines have the opportunity to grow their own vegetable and flower gardens with the help of the West Des Moines Human Services Garden Program. Beginning in May, West Des Moines Human Services will partner with the Normandy Plaza Hy-Vee at Railroad and Grand to offer qualifying households a voucher to purchase vegetable and flower starter plants. Garden tilling is also available. Please call 222-3660 to learn more.

Volunteer Appreciation

West Des Moines Human Services held a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, April 25th at Des Moines Golf and Country Club. Over 60 volunteers, staff, board and council members attended the event with a “Toast to You” theme. Human Services is fortunate to have a dedicated team of 70 plus volunteers who assist on a weekly basis in the Clothing Closet, Food Pantry and at the front desk. Some of these individuals have been with Human Services for many years including Irene Reed who has volunteered in the Clothing Closet for 21 years!



WDM Public Library

May Library Updates!

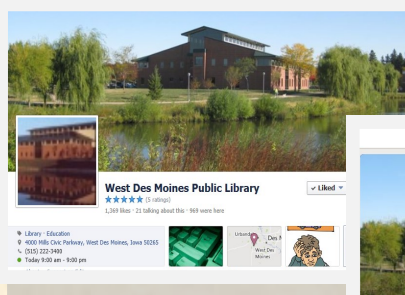
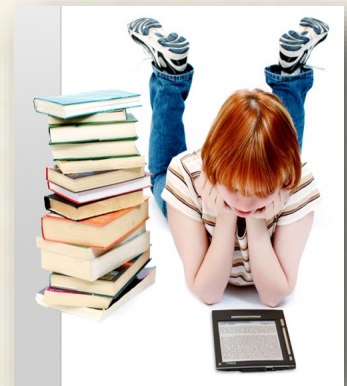


Library Improvements Project

During the week of May 5th-9th, the Children's Area will be undergoing some improvements that will include updated fixtures and rearranging existing shelving units. The Children's Area during this time will be mostly inaccessible, however, the circulation and information desks on the first floor and the entire second floor will still be easily accessed. For more information on the project, please visit the [WDM Library website](http://www.wdmlibrary.org).

Check the [Calendar](#) and Register Now!

- May 3 _____ Scrapbook & Card making Club
- May 5 _____ Registration for Children/Teen Programs
- May 9 _____ Baby Signs
- May 10 _____ Toast Masters & Writer's Club
- May 11 _____ Library Closed All Day- Mother's Day
- May 19 _____ Summer Reading Club Sign-up
- May 24 _____ Writer's Group
- May 25 _____ Library Closed Sundays for the Summer
- May 26 _____ Library Closed for Memorial Day
- May 29 _____ Checkmates Chess and Board Game Club



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